

# For a healthier future, Australians call for sustainable healthcare



**If our planet isn't healthy, can humans really be?** Australians are increasingly aware of the link between climate change and their health, as shown in the Sustainable Healthcare survey results released alongside Philips Australia's 'Care means the world' campaign.

## What is sustainable healthcare?

Reducing healthcare's carbon footprint by:



Sourcing energy from renewables and optimising energy efficiency



Eliminating pollution and waste of resources



Reducing material usage by circulating products – use less, use longer, use again



Digitising healthcare infrastructure with cloud-based solutions



Buying sustainably and decarbonising the supply chain



79%

believe climate change impacts their health



4 out of 5

recognise there's more to be done to make healthcare more sustainable

## Health and climate connection

The majority of Australians believe sustainable healthcare leads to better results:



56%

say it improves care quality



52%

believe it reduces cost



50%

believe it utilises energy and resources more efficiently

## Digital health for sustainability

Australians are adopting tech solutions to make healthcare more efficient and eco-friendly:



64%

use personal health tech



More than 85%

think technology is critical to driving environmental sustainability in healthcare delivery

## Education and investment needed

More education and investment are needed to bridge gaps between public awareness and adoption.



60%

assert that sustainability in healthcare must be urgently addressed



1 in 2

do not think sustainable healthcare is widely adopted



47%

want more education about sustainable healthcare



**"Sustainable healthcare delivers quality care to those who need it when they need it, whilst minimising environmental impact."**

Philips is one of the world's first health tech companies to be fully carbon neutral in its operations<sup>1</sup>



In Australia, Philips reduced its carbon emissions from 398 tonnes in 2018 to just 6 tonnes in 2020, all fully offset<sup>1</sup>

For more information about the Philips Sustainable Healthcare survey and 'Care means the world' campaign, [click here](#)

1. Philips meets its 'Healthy people, Sustainable planet' targets and forges ahead with integrated ESG framework;

<https://www.philips.com.au/a-w/about/news/archive/standard/news/press/2021/20212302-philips-meets-its-healthy-people-sustainable-planet-targets-and-forges-ahead-with-integrated-esg-framework.html>